

NOMINATION FOR THE 2004 VIRGINIA DISASTER MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD, COMMENDATION AWARD, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT CITATION

This is the third year the Office of Emergency Medical Services will make awards of the Disaster Meritorious Service Award for disaster preparedness and response activities. This award is in the form of a certificate and a metal bar for wear on the uniform.

Who Is Eligible

Volunteer members of the Health and Medical Emergency Response Team and Coordination Teams, members of Emergency Medical Services Disaster Task Forces recognized by the Office of EMS, and employees of the Office of EMS who are assigned to disaster duties.

Criteria

The Disaster Meritorious Service Award recognizes:

- (1) Clearly superior service in planning, training, and other disaster preparedness activities that improve the capabilities of the emergency medical services system to respond to a disaster. Such service may be at the local, regional, or state level.
- (2) Outstanding management of response activities during a declared state of emergency. Awards will be for actions critical to the success of the emergency medical and health services in a single event. Actions may be performed in the field, at a jurisdiction Emergency Operations Center, in the Emergency Support Center, or in the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.
- (3) Heroic acts at considerable personal risk during a declared state of emergency. Heroic acts are those undertaken to save life or ensure mission accomplishment well beyond the normal responsibilities or obligations of emergency response work.

The intent of the award is to recognize outstanding service at the local, regional, and state levels as part of the Emergency Support Function 8 disaster response system. Superior service in managing an individual Task Force or working in the field in a disaster will be considered equally with state level service.

The Commendation Award recognizes:

- (1) Service in planning, training, and other disaster preparedness activities that improves the capabilities of the emergency medical services system. Such awards may be for sustained activity over at least one year or for completion of a particularly noteworthy project.
- (2) Management of response activities during a declared state of emergency leading

to the success of the emergency medical services.

(3) Acts showing considerable skill or bravery and perseverance in difficult conditions in carrying out the mission of the Task Force in the impact area during a state of emergency.

The Emergency Response Unit Citation recognizes superior service well above normal standards of competency and professionalism by a unit during a state of emergency or in three or more state level evaluated functional exercises.

These awards are not intended to recognize heroic rescues or superior service rendered as part of membership in or employment by a regular emergency medical services agency during local emergency response.

The period covered by this years awards is from 1 November 2004 through 31 October 2004.

The maximum number of awards of the Disaster Meritorious Service Award that may be made during a year, excluding for heroism, is two. There is no requirement that any awards be made. Nominations that do not meet the strict criteria for the Disaster Meritorious Service Award, but that do clearly show service well above what could be considered normal performance of disaster preparedness and response duties may be recognized by a Commendation Award at the discretion of the award board and the Director of the Office of EMS. Alternatively you may nominate an individual directly for the Commendation Award.

Nominations

Any person may submit a nomination for an eligible person. Use the attached form. The nomination may be typed, prepared on a computer, or handwritten (if you write your nomination by hand, please ensure that it can be read by others). Nominations should be received in the Office of EMS by 4:30 pm on Friday, October 29, 2004 to be considered in this years award cycle. Mail or fax your nominations to James A Nogle, Jr., Virginia Office of EMS, P.O. Box 2448 Suite UB-55, Richmond, Virginia 23219, fax (804) 864-7580.

Nomination Consideration

Nominations will be considered by a panel of at least three persons, knowledgeable in disaster response work appointed by the Director of the Office of EMS. This awards board will consider the information in the nomination and may gather additional information as needed to properly consider the award.

The quality and success of our disaster awards program depends on your nominating individuals and teams that have gone out of their way to help protect the lives and health of our citizens when disasters happen.

2004 VIRGINIA DISASTER MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD OR COMMENDATION AWARD NOMINATION

Nominees Name:

Affiliation: EMS Disaster Task Force (name):
 Health and Medical Emergency Response Team or C Team
 Employee of the Office of EMS

Disaster Response Duty Assignment:

Address:

Phone: home:

work:

This nomination is submitted for (check one or more as appropriate):

Disaster Meritorious Service Award

heroic acts during a declared state of emergency
superior service in planning, training, and other preparedness activities
outstanding management of response during a declared disaster

Commendation Award

acts showing considerable skill, bravery or perseverance in an emergency
service improving the capability of the EMS system to respond to disasters
management of response activities leading to success in resolving an emergency

Date of period covered by nomination:

If for declared disaster, which one:

Describe the service or actions that merit the award:

How did these actions make a significant difference in disaster response or preparedness:

Number of responses to declared states of emergency this individual has participated in:

(include only those in response to Office of EMS taskings from November 01, 2003 to October 31, 2004)

For Health and Medical Emergency Response Team members, number of service hours:
(include only between November 01, 2003 to October 31, 2004)

Nomination Submitted By:

Name of individual making nomination:

Address:

Phone: home:

work:

Signature: _____ date:

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How did these actions make a significant difference in disaster response or preparedness:

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work:

Signature: _____ date:

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